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BELONGING TO

St. ALPHAGE SOCIETY,
AT
CLAPHAM CHURCH, Surry,

On SUNDAY next, the 29th of July, 1781;

After a SERMON Preached in the Morning by the Rev. Mr. MOORE,
Minor Canon of St. Paul's, and Lecturer of St. Sepulchre's;

For the BENEFIT of the said CHILDREN.

** Prayers will begin at Half past TEN o'Clock.

TWO VOICES.

THOU, Gracious LORD, who did'st reprove
That false, mistaken Care,
Which check'd young Children, brought by Love,
Thy flowing Grace to share;

How wilt Thou now applaud and bless
Their gen'rous Piety,
Who sav'd us from the worst Distress,
And brought us, LORD, to Thee.

S O L O.

O! grace us with Thy pow'rful Touch;
And, in Thy Arms inclos'd,
Let it again be said, of such
Thy Kingdom is compos'd.

Thus shall their Pains have full Reward,
Who laid us at Thy Feet,
When in Thy Kingdom thus prepar'd
This tender Flock they meet.

Solo and Chorus, *Hallelujah!*

St. Alphage SOCIETY consists of a few well-disposed Persons, united upon a friendly Design to promote religious Knowledge and practical Holiness among themselves, and the Children taken under their Care. The Rules and Orders of it are entirely conformable to the Doctrine and Constitution of the Church of England. Upon its first Institution in 1738, the Members, by a voluntary Contribution, supported a Lecture on Friday Evenings at St. Stephen's Church, Coleman-Street: and in the Year 1751, established a Charity-School for clothing and educating Twenty poor Children; who are instructed in the Principles of the Christian Religion, and when of proper Age, and fit for the Services of Life, are placed in sober and industrious Families.—After many Years, when by the Death or Removal of Subscribers, the Income became inadequate to the Expence, the Ministers who preached the Lecture, fully sensible of the Utility of the Institution, gave up their Salary, and continued their Office without any Gratuity; in which Labour of Love they have lately been joined by several worthy Clergymen. But notwithstanding this kind Relief, the Trustees have found great Difficulty in carrying on their good Designs; and unless they had been occasionally favoured with the Use of Churches for Charity Sermons, must long ago have dissolved the Society, and dismissed the Children. But they resolve to persevere, trusting in Divine Providence, that an Institution, adapted to promote the Glory of God, and the Good of Mankind, and conducted with Integrity and Probity, will still meet with Friends, and be blessed with Encouragement and Support.

☞ Subscriptions and Contributions to this Charity are taken in by Mr. Taylor, No. 40, Jewin-street; and by the Stewards, in the Vestry of the Church of St. Botolph, Aldersgate, any Wednesday Evening.

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